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D.C. Orr  
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Dear Mr. Orr:

What follows are my responses to the questions raised in your September 8, 2009 email regarding EPA's June 26, 2009 response at the boat ramp located at Riverfront Park in Libby, MT.

First, you asked if the ERS program is required to eliminate pathways of exposure and if this was accomplished at the response at the Boat Ramp. The ERS program is a resource for the community to help identify and properly manage Libby Amphibole in order to reduce exposure during remodeling and excavation activities. It is also used to respond to incidents where Libby Amphibole is brought to the surface accidentally. In the case of the boat ramp incident, the ERS program repaired the damage resulting from leaving the pump on. The exposure pathway to Libby Amphibole that may have been caused by the erosion was eliminated.

Second, you requested the quantity of material used during the EPS response at the boat ramp. Approximately 40 cubic yards of material were used during the ERS response. This material was used to fill the eroded area as well as to improve the boat ramp to reduce the likelihood of similar erosion occurring in the future.

Please feel free to contact me at 303/312-6401 if you have any further questions regarding this incident.

Sincerely,



Bill Murray, Director  
Superfund Remedial Response Program

cc: Doug Roll, Mayor, City of Libby